United Nations S/2014/268

Security Council

Distr.: General
14 April 2014

Original: English

Note by the President of the Security Council

Further to the measures contained in the note by the President of the Security Council of 26 July 2010 (S/2010/507) and in a further effort to enhance the efficiency and transparency of the Council's work, as well as the wider participation of Council members in the drafting of Council products and their wider responsibility for drafting, the members of the Security Council have agreed on the following:

(a) Without prejudice to the rights accorded by the Charter of the United Nations and the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the members of the Security Council support, where appropriate, the informal arrangement whereby one or more Council members (as "penholder(s)") initiate and chair the informal drafting process. This informal arrangement, where appropriate, aims to facilitate timely initiatives to ensure Council action while preserving an element of continuity, with a view to enhancing the efficiency of the Council's work;

(b) Any member of the Security Council may be a penholder. Members of the Council are encouraged to act as the penholder(s) in the drafting of documents, including resolutions, presidential statements and press statements of the Council;

(c) The members of the Security Council affirm their commitment to enhancing the participation of all members of the Security Council in the drafting of documents, including resolutions, presidential statements and press statements of the Council. To that end, the members of the Security Council encourage penholders, as early as possible in the drafting exercise, to ensure the exchange of information among all Security Council members and to engage in timely consultations with all Council members;

(d) In addition, the members of the Security Council intend to continue to informally consult with the broader United Nations membership, in particular interested Member States, including countries directly involved or specifically affected, neighbouring States and countries with particular contributions to make, as well as with regional organizations and Groups of Friends, when drafting, inter alia, resolutions, presidential statements and press statements, as appropriate.

14-29967 (E) 150414

Please recycle